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Inventors: Alexander G. Parlos

Date Filed: July 25, 2003

For: **CONDITION ASSESSMENT AND LIFE EXPECTANCY  
PREDICTION FOR DEVICES**

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- (1) 33 pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract;
- (2) 2 pages of Formal Drawings;
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- (6) 1 page of a Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i) Form;
- (7) 1 page of an Information Disclosure Statement;
- (8) 1 page of a PTO-1449 Form with three (3) attached references;
- (9) 1 page Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail;
- (10) This Transmittal Form with attached patent application filing fee in the amount of \$594.00; and
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May 5, 2000, now abandoned, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/419,683, filed October 14, 1999, now abandoned, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/293,536, filed April 15, 1999, now abandoned, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) on U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/081,848, filed April 15, 1998.

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Title **CONDITION ASSESSMENT AND LIFE  
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